

### **REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1 and 2 are cancelled and claim 3 is amended and the only claim pending. The claim amendment is based on the specification at page 15, lines 11-17 and Fig. 31.

### **PRIORITY APPLICATION**

In parent Application No. 09/189,150, now US Patent No. 6,299,816 the PTO has received a certified copy of Japanese Patent Application 9-313227, to which applicants claim priority under 35 USC 119. Accordingly, the Examiner may obtain a certified copy of the priority application from the parent application. *Applicants request that the Examiner acknowledge the receipt of the priority document in the next communication.*

### **DRAWINGS**

The Examiner has not indicated on the Office Action Summary that the formal drawings filed with the application on August 10, 2001 are accepted. Therefore, applicants respectfully request acknowledgement of the drawings in the next communication from the Examiner. *Applicants request that the Examiner acknowledge entry of the formal drawings in the next communication.*

### **IDS**

Applicants have filed a new IDS that have attached the references not acknowledged by the Examiner in the last communication. Applicants believe that no fee is due because this references are all available in the parent application.

### **Rejections Under 35 USC 102**

Applicants submit that for the following reasons the amended claims are novel over the cited references. In the synthetic resin hollow member claimed in amended claim 3 of the present application, the half bodies are jointed by a resin mass filled into the above-mentioned interior passage. By employing such an interior passage, the construction of the jointed part of the half bodies is made very simple. Thereby, it is possible to achieve higher strength of the jointed part. Further, it is possible to join the half bodies together by filling molten resin